LINCOLN DIORAMA

● Lincoln had prepared a preliminary Emancipation Proclamation in July, 1862. On the advice of his Cabinet, its release to the public was postponed until five days after the Union victory at the Battle of Antietam on September 17. The Cabinet members present listen to Lincoln as he reads. The final Proclamation was signed by the President on January 1, 1863. On that afternoon, when Lincoln sat at his desk with pen in hand, he said, "I never, in my life have felt more certain that I was doing right, than I do in signing this paper."

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